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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Jonnie R. WILLIAMS  
IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING TOBACCO TO REDUCE  
NITROSAMINE CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY  
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Our Ref. A-7264

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 43 sheets of the specification, claims, and Abstract, and 2 sheets of formal drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (Small Entity fees apply):

Total claims	<u>52</u> - 20	=	<u>32</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$288.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>8</u> - 3	=	<u>5</u>	x	\$39.00	=	<u>\$195.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$380.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							<u>\$130.00</u>

**TOTAL FILING FEE****\$993.00**

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from Provisional Application No. 60/100,372, filed September 15, 1998. Benefit is also claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from U.S. Application No. 08/998,043, filed December 23, 1997; U.S. Application No. 08/879,905, filed June 20, 1997; and U.S. Application No. 08/757,104, filed December 2, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,  
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